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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (cancelled) A three dimensional apparatus for use in simulating background crowd scenes in visual recording media productions comprising;
at least one life-sized inflatable humanoid figure whose shape is manifested by filling said at least one humanoid figure with a gas through at least one fill valve.
2. (cancelled) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said at least one humanoid figure includes human features.
3. (cancelled) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said at least one humanoid figure includes apparel features.
4. (cancelled) A three dimensional apparatus constructed of elastomeric material for use in simulating background crowd scenes in visual recording media productions comprising;
at least one life-sized inflatable humanoid figure having an interior surface and an exterior surface of said elastomeric material including; at least one fill valve, a head member contiguously connected to a neck member, a torso member contiguously connected to said neck member, a left arm member contiguously connected to the left side of said torso member, a right arm member contiguously connected to the right side of said torso member, wherein said interior surface forms a gas-filled chamber contiguous with said head member, neck member, torso member, left arm member and right arm member and whose shape is manifested by filling said chamber with a gas.

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5. (cancelled) The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein said at least one humanoid figure includes facial features.
6. (cancelled) The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein said at least one humanoid figure includes hair features.
7. (cancelled) The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein said at least one humanoid figure includes gender features.
8. (cancelled) The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein said at least one humanoid figure includes apparel features.
9. (cancelled) The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein said at least one humanoid figure includes racial features.
10. (cancelled) The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein said at least one humanoid figure includes a head member, neck member, torso member, left arm member and a right arm member.
11. (cancelled) The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein said at least one humanoid figure includes a lower waist member, left leg member, right leg member, left foot member and a right foot member.
12. (cancelled) The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein said at least one humanoid figure includes a head member, neck member, torso member, left arm member, right arm member, lower waist member, left leg member, right leg member, left foot member and a right foot member.
13. (cancelled) The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein said at least one humanoid figure is configured for use in a seated position.

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14. (cancelled) The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein said at least one humanoid figure is configured for use in a standing position.
15. (cancelled) The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein said at least one humanoid figure is configured for use in video productions, television programs, still photography, advertising, or cinematographic productions.
16. (new) A three-dimensional apparatus for use in simulating background crowd scenes in visual recording media productions comprising:
 at least one life-sized inflatable humanoid figure including;
 means for supporting or anchoring said at least one life-sized inflatable humanoid figure in a seat;
 a head member;
 a neck member contiguously connecting said head member to a torso member;
 said torso member including;
 a waist,
 a left side,
 a right side,
 a left arm member contiguously connected to a portion of said left side having a generally planar distal end disposed at an angle to said left side of said torso member, and
 a right arm member contiguously connected to a portion of said right side.
17. (new) The apparatus according to claim 16 wherein said seat includes an auditorium style seat, a stadium style seat or a park bench.
18. (new) The apparatus according to claim 16 wherein said angle is approximately a right angle.
19. (new) The three-dimensional apparatus according to claim 16 wherein said at least one inflatable humanoid figure further includes human characteristic means.
20. (new) The three-dimensional apparatus according to claim 16 wherein said at least one inflatable humanoid figure further includes apparel means.

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21. (new) The three-dimensional apparatus to claim 19 wherein said human characteristic means includes at least one of hair feature means, gender feature means, racial feature means or facial feature means.
22. (new) The apparatus according to claim 20 wherein said apparel means includes at least one of wardrobe means, makeup means or other accoutrement means.
23. (new) A three-dimensional apparatus for use in simulating background crowd scenes in visual recording media productions comprising:
at least one life-sized inflatable humanoid figure including;
 means for supporting or anchoring said at least one life-sized inflatable humanoid figure in an auditorium style seat, a stadium style seat or a park bench seat;
 a head member;
 a neck member contiguously connecting said head member to a torso member;
 said torso member including;
 a waist,
 a left side,
 a right side,
 a laterally aligned bottom disposed below said waist; and,
 a left arm member contiguously connected to a portion of said left side having a generally planar distal end disposed at a first angle to said left side of said torso member, and
 a right arm member contiguously connected to a portion of said right side having another generally planar distal end disposed at a second angle to said right torso member.
24. (new) The apparatus according to claim 23 wherein said either said first angle or said second angle is approximately a right angle.
25. (new) The three-dimensional apparatus according to claim 23 wherein said at least one inflatable humanoid figure further includes human characteristic means.

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26. (new) The three-dimensional apparatus according to claim 23 wherein said at least one inflatable humanoid figure further includes apparel means.
27. (new) The three-dimensional apparatus to claim 25 wherein said human characteristic means includes at least one of hair feature means, gender feature means, racial feature means or facial feature means.
28. (new) The apparatus according to claim 26 wherein said apparel means includes at least one of wardrobe means, makeup means or other accoutrement means.

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29. (new) A three-dimensional apparatus for use in simulating background crowd scenes in visual recording media productions comprising:
a plurality of inflatable life-sized humanoid figures, each of said inflatable humanoid figures including;
a head member;
a neck member contiguously connecting said head member to a torso member;
said torso member including;
a waist,
a left side, and
a right side;
a left arm member contiguously connected to a portion of said left side having a generally planar distal end disposed at a first angle to said left side of said torso member, and
a right arm member contiguously connected to a portion of said right side having another generally planar distal end disposed at a second angle to said right torso member; and
an interior surface which forms a gas-tight cavity contiguous with said head member, said neck member, said torso member, said left arm member and said right arm member;
wherein said gas-tight cavity is contiguously connected to at least another gas-tight cavity by one or more narrow tubular sections situated between adjacent humanoid figures which allows inflating gas to fill an entire line of humanoid figures.
30. (new) The apparatus according to claim 29 further including means for supporting or anchoring said at least one life-sized inflatable humanoid figure in an auditorium style seat, a stadium style seat or a park bench seat.

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31. (new) The apparatus according to claim 29 further including;
- a right leg member including;
 - a first upper end contiguously connected to a right bottom edge of said torso member,
 - a first lower end contiguously connected to a right foot member, and
 - a right leg interior surface;
 - a left leg member including;
 - a second upper end contiguously connected to a left bottom edge of said torso member,
 - a second lower end contiguously connected to a left foot member; and
 - a left leg interior surface; and,
- wherein said right and left leg interior surfaces form a second gas-tight cavity contiguous with said gas tight cavity.
32. (new) The apparatus according to claim 29 wherein either said first angle or said second angle is approximately a right angle.
33. (new) The three-dimensional apparatus according to claim 29 wherein said at least one inflatable humanoid figure further includes human characteristic means.
34. (new) The three-dimensional apparatus according to claim 29 wherein at least one of said plurality of inflatable humanoid figures further includes apparel means.
35. (new) The three-dimensional apparatus to claim 33 wherein said human characteristic means includes at least one of hair feature means, gender feature means, racial feature means or facial feature means.
36. (new) The apparatus according to claim 34 wherein said apparel means includes wardrobe means, makeup means or other accoutrement means.